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Free Community Screening of a Film Confronting the Opioid Epidemic

Expert Panel Conversation to Follow

-Arcola Intermediate School - March 7, 2016 -

February 4, 2016

EAGLEVILLE, PA - The Methacton School District will be partnering with the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office and Lower Providence Township Police Department to host a free screening of "If Only," a short film co-written and produced by James Wahlberg. The screening will take place at the Arcola Intermediate School, located at 4001-A Eagleville Road in Eagleville, Pennsylvania on March 7, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

The 36 minute short film addresses the misuse of prescription medication as well as the drug overdose epidemic. Following the film; Wahlburg, who serves as executive director of the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation; will join an expert panel of law enforcement experts, drug and alcohol counselors, and medical professionals. The panel, which will take audience questions, will include Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin Steele, Montgomery County Narcotics Enforcement Team Lieutenant Steve Forzato, and a representative from the Holcomb Behavior Center.

"If Only" was created to initiate a meaningful dialogue about prescription drug misuse and opiate addiction between parents and children, and within communities. "The film addresses one of the most serious health issues facing our society today. Addiction touches every culture, every family and ultimately every one of us," James Wahlberg said.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to create a project that informs, educates and leads viewers to recognize the warning signs of opioid use and to participate in a solution," he added.

This event is free and open to the community. For more details on this event, please contact Marissa Wadsworth at mwadsworth@methacton.org. For more information about the film, including a trailer, please visit www.IfOnlyMovie.org. The film was made possible in part by Millennium Health and The Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation.

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